



Eurovision Song Contest 2015 handbook by ESC+Plus. All you need to know about the 40 participants to compete on May in Vienna



# 19, 21 & 23 May 2015

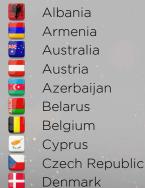
40 countries will take part in the 60th edition of the Eurovision Song Contest to be held on May 19, 21 and 23 in the Wiener Stadthalle located in Vienna. This year's contest is back to Asutria after winning the last year's contest with "Rise like a Phoenix", sang by Conchita Wurst in Denmark. This will be the second time Austria hosts the Eurovision Song Contest after 1967.

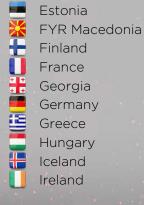
The event will be hosted for the first time in history only by women. The three hosts of the shows will be Mirjam Weichselbraun, Alice Tumler and Arabella Kiesbauer. The winner of the previous edition, Conchita Wurst, will be a special host from the "Green room"

In this edition, a total of 40 countries will take part at Eurovision from which 39 of them will participate as active members of the EBU. Cyprus and Serbia return to the competition after one-year absecense, while the Czech Republic will take part after a five-year one. However, Ukraine will not take part in this edition due to political and financial reasons. In addition, ORF invited Australia to enter the competition as a way to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eurovision Song Contest. It is the first time an EBU's associated country without European frontiers takes part in the most famous European show.

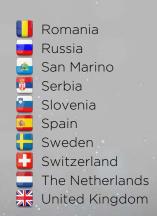
The rules of the contest will be the same as previous years, 16 and 17 finalists will compete in two semi-finals to get one of the 20 tickets for the final. They will join the direct qualifiers, a total of 7, in the Grand Final set on Saturday 23.

## Participants:















## The hosts:

It will be the first time in the Eurovision the contest will be hosted by three women. Mirjam Weichselbraun is one of the most famous presenters in Austria and she has been in charge of some broadcasts for the MTV European Music Awards and the MTV Video Music Awards.

Alice Tumler owns a big experience as host and director of music TV Shows. Arabella Kiesbauer has a long career started in the eighties on ORF. After a significant step on German television, she returned her country

in 2002 where she presented a popular talent show. As a special host, Conchita Wurst will be hosting from the Green Room where she will get some artists reactions during the show.

# The Stage:

The stage will consist of 1,288 LED pillars positioned to look like a big eye.

"The main idea of this festival is the bridge from the past to the present and the future, and the eye symbolizes the bridge, the mutual respect between cultures, countries and people," said Kathrin Zechner, ORF Director.



The LED pillars can produce a wide variety of lighting effects in each of the performances, as the floor of the stage, with a diameter of 11 meters. The back of the stage will consist of a large LED screen: 22 meters wide by 8.5 meters high.

The whole stage will be 44 meters wide, 14.3 meters high and 22 meters deep.



## Logo and slogan:

The theme art work's use of spheres and its waveshape symbolises being united as well as diversity. The colours reflect the individualism and at the same time building musical bridges, the diversity of the artists, variety of songs and also the diverse audience. This theme artwork also includes the new Eurovision official logo released some months ago.





# Semi-Final 1

# May 19th, 2015

Moldova Eduard Romanyuta Armenia Genealogy Belgium Loïc Nottet The Netherlands Trijntje Oosterhuis Finland Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät Greece Maria Elena Kyriakou Estonia Elina Born & Stig Rästa FYR Macedonia Daniel Kajmakoski Serbia Bojana Stamenov Hungary Boggie Belarus Uzari & Maimuna Russia Polina Gagarina Denmark Anti Social Media Albania Elhaida Dani Romania Voltai Georgia Nina Sublatti

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A Million Voices
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I'm Alive De La Capat/ All Over Again

Warrior

# **Your Votes**

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# Moldova



# My Mark:



## **TRM**

www.trm.md

Performer: Eduard Romanyuta

Song: I Want Your Love

Composers: Erik Lewander, Hayley Aitken, Tom Andrews
Writer: Erik Lewander, Hayley Aitken, Tom Andrews

Twitter: @romanyuta

## Biography:

Eduard Romanyuta was born in Ukraine. He stands on stage from the age of four. Since then, Eduard Romanyuta gained 28 national and international music awards.

The singer took part in the Ukrainian national selections four times. In 2012 he finished 5th with his entry I'll Never Let Go. The music video of this song got over 1 million views on Youtube and brought him victory at the Baltic broadcaster OE TV awards. In the following year, Eduard reached the 3rd place with With My Heart, the music video of which was filmed by Hollywood World Studious in US. In 2012, in duet with Sof Gelovani, the Georgian representative in the 2013 Eurovision Song Contest, Eduard competed in the show 10+10. He also cooperated with such bands as t.A.T.u and Gorky Park. Recently, Romanyuta released debut album Conspiracy, with 13 tracks and 7 music videos.

I Want Your Love was created especially for Eduard's participation in the Eurovision Song Contest. However, as Ukraine withdrew from the event this year, Eduard entered and won the national selection of the neighboring Moldova.

#### Lyrics:

Oh-a-oh, Hey girl Remind me why we ain't together We got that magnetic connection Moving so fast let's take it slow Ain't gonna let you let me go The picture that you're paintin' got me All anticipating

Nothing can steal your thunder Sky-high while you pull me under Cause you got what I want, what I want What I want want want Yeah baby let me show ya (show ya) You got me trippin' over (over) Cause you got what I want, what I want What I want want want I want your love, I want your love I want your love, I want your love

Hey girl
Even if there's stormy weather
You got my heart beat-beating faster
And I'm not gonna let you down
No ya feet ain't gonna touch the ground (ground)
No-Oh
The picture that you're paintin' got me
All anticipating
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Nothing can steal your thunder Sky-high while you pull me under Cause you got what I want, what I want What I want want want Yeah baby let me show ya (show ya) You got me trippin' over (over) Cause you got what I want, what I want What I want want want

I want your love, I want your love I want your love, I want your love

Bridge/Interlude:
Oh yeah
(Oh, oh, oh, oh)
The picture that you're painting
Got me anticipating
Go!
Oh, Oh

Nothing can steal your thunder
Sky-high while you pull me under
Cause you got what I want, what I want
What I want want want want (I want your love)
Yeah baby let me show ya (show ya)
You got me trippin' over (over)
Cause you got what I want, what I want
What I want want want
I want your love (I want your love)
Nothing can steal your thunder
Sky-high while you pull me under
Cause you got what I want, what I want
What I want want want
Yeah baby let me show ya (show ya)
You got me trippin' over (over)
Cause you got what I want, what I want

What I want want want I want your love, I want your love, I want your love I want your love









# **Armenia**



# My Mark:



#### **ARMTV**

www.1tv.am

Performer: Genealogy

Song: Face The Shadow
Composer: Armen Martirosyan
Writer: Inna Mkrtchyan
Twitter: @GenealogyMusic

## Biography:

Genealogy is "Building Bridges", as the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest slogan says, between the five continents of the world and the Republic of Armenia. The group consists of Essaï Altounian from Europe, Tamar Kaprelian from America, Stephanie Topalian from Asia, Vahe Tilbian from Africa, Mary-Jean O'Doherty Vasmatzian from Australia, and Inga Arshakyan from Armenia. They are united by the blood in their veins, which contains Armenian genetics, and by music as the universal language of the world.

The creative team of AMPTV internally selected the song Face The Shadow composed by Armen Martirosyan and lyricist Inna Mkrtchyan, a song about universal values. Its message is one - "Happiness is born when people are united and live in harmony with themselves, their families, love relationships and so on. Generations are shifting with time but the genealogy remains, thus the values of love and peace are stable.

#### Lyrics:

We find so many ways fooling our heart Playing too many games trying to hide When you follow a dream, surrender the sorrow inside

Face every shadow you denied

Feels like so many times life was unfair Will you run and forget all the despair? If it's breaking you down, remember the power inside

Face every shadow you denied

Time is ticking and you keep thinking that you are tricking your heart, so

Chorus: Don't deny Ever don't deny Baby don't deny You and I

Cross the ocean of blues, happy you'll be Once you've risen you are meant to be free When you're feeling afraid remember there's hope inside Face every shadow purified Time is ticking and you keep thinking that you are tricking your heart,so

Chorus:
Don't deny
Ever don't deny
Listen don't deny (I don't want to deny)
You and I

Chorus:
Don't deny
Ever don't deny
Listen don't deny
Don't deny you and I









# Belgium



# My Mark:



## **RTBF**

www.rtbf.be

Performer: Loïc Nottet

Song: Rhythm Inside

Composer: Loïc Nottet

Writer: Beverly Jo Scott

Twitter: @LOoiic

## Biography:

At the age of 17, Loïc Nottet took part in the Blind Auditions singing the hit song Diamonds by Rihanna. His knockout performance and unique voice instantly won over the coaches and the audience alike. As a finalist in the third season of The Voice Belgique, the young Courcelles native signed a contract with Sony Music Entertainment. His father wanted him to become a football player, but he wanted to sing and dance. With a style that is instantly upbeat and sincere, Loïc became a darling of the public thanks to his charisma and allround personality.

Among the artists "worshipped" by Loïc, is Sia. This Australian singer is a source of inspiration for many artists. Several months ago, Loïc recorded a cover of her hit Chandelier; a cover that was discovered by Sia herself, who re-tweeted it accompanied by a personal compliment to her over 840,000 followers on Twitter. What a fantastic way to turn the spotlight on Belgium's representative at the Eurovision Song Contest!

#### Lyrics:

Listen to the sound of thunder
Rolling in the soul down under
Far beneath the skin, it rumbles
Step to the step of the drum that rolls inside
Be you enemy or lover
We are put here to discover
The heart that beats within each other
We gonna rapppabab tonight

And if we die , tomorrow
What'll we have to show
For the wicked ways
Down below
The rhythm inside is telling us
We can fly tomorrow
On the beautiful wind that blows
On a cosmic track, love attack
I'm gonna get that rhythm back

Be you enemy or brother We were put here to discover The heart that beats within each other We're gonna rompanpan ... And if we die, tomorrow
What'll we have to show
For the wicked ways
Down below
The rhythm inside is telling us
We can fly tomorrow
On the beautiful wind that blows
On a cosmic track, love attack
I'm gonna get that rhythm back









# The Netherlands



# My Mark:



#### **AVROTROS**

www.avrotros.nl

**Performer:** Trijntje Oosterhuis

Song: Walk Along
Composer: Tobias Karlsson
Writer: Anouk Teeuwe
Twitter: @Trijntje O

## Biography:

Trijntje Oosterhuis (1973) comes from a creative and musical family. With her brother Tjeerd, who wrote several songs for the Song Contest, Trijntje formed the band Total Touch, which was highly successful in the Netherlands and abroad.

Trijntje excels in various musical genres, from jazz and soul and has shared the stage with great names, including Andrea Bocelli, Herbie Hancock, Khaled and Lionel Richie. She has also worked together with the famous American songwriter Burt Bacharach.

Trijntje has won several important Dutch music awards, was a judge for The Voice and sings for sold-out concert halls with the Ladies of Soul. After the successful entries in the Song Contest by Anouk (2013) and The Common Linnets - last year's runner-up, which was the best Dutch result since 1975 - Trijntje felt the time was right to enter herself. She will sing the song Walk Along, co-written by Anouk. Anouk also wrote the songs for Trijntje's new album (released in May 2015).

## Lyrics:

I open up my heart to you, And cry for your attention, Still you haven't seen it yet You only see me as a friend But I wish you were waiting With roses in sunset, yeah

Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai Won't you walk along, walk along, baby Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai Won't you walk along, walk along, baby

I gently smile passing your way It's not that I don't try enough But you don't even notice me here In another time and place, another lifetime maybe If only for a little while, oh oh

Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai Won't you walk along, walk along, baby Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai Won't you walk along, walk along, baby I don't seem to get you
To look at me one time
Won't you walk along, walk along baby
This is not a little crush
Don't wanna wait in line
Won't you walk along, walk along baby
Whoe-oe-oe, Whoe-oe-oe, I love you, I love
you ba-babe
Whoe-oe-oe, Whoe-oe-oe, I love you, I love
you ba-babe
If only for a little while

Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai
Won't you walk along, walk along, baby
Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai
Won't you walk along, walk along, baby
Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai
I love you, I love you ba-babe
Why, why-aiaiai, why-aiaiai
Won't you walk along, walk along, baby







# **Finland**



# My Mark:



## YLE

www.yle.fi

Performer: Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät

Song: Aina Mun Pitää

Composer: Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät
Writer: Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät

Twitter:

# Biography:

Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät (PKN) is a punk band that was formed in 2009. Pertti Kurikka, the band's guitarist and front man, writes the lyrics with vocalist Kari Aalto and composes the music. The other two members of the band are bassist Sami Helle and drummer Toni Välitalo.

"The members of our band are four middle-aged, mentally handicapped men. The music is, of course, Finnish punk." - Sami Helle, Pertti Kurikan Nimipäivät

The band achieved cult status with its first demo Kallioon and has since released 7 EP's, 2 singles and two compilations. In May 2015 the band will release a new compilation The Best of Greatest Hits which includes all the band's recordings to date.

PKN is also popular outside Finland. The band has toured in several countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Canada and the Netherlands.

PKN was the subject of an award-winning documentary, Kovasikajuttu (The Punk Syndrome) which premiered in the spring of 2012.

## Lyrics:

Aina mun pitää siivota Aina mun pitää tiskata Aina mun pitää käydä lääkärissä Aina mun pitää käydä töissä

En saa mennä koneelle En katsoo telkkarii En saa edes nähdä mun kavereita

Aina mun pitää olla kotona Aina mun pitää tehdä asioita Aina mun pitää syödä kunnolla Aina mun pitää juoda kunnolla En saa syödä karkkia En juoda limua En saa edes juoda alkoholia

Aina mun pitää levätä Aina mun pitää nukkua Aina mun pitää herätä Aina mun pitää käydä suihkussa







# Greece



# My Mark:



## **NERIT**

www.nerit.gr

Performer: Maria Elena Kyriakou

**Song:** One Last Breath

**Composers:** Efthivoulos Theocharous, Maria-Elena

Kyriakou

Writer: Vangelis Konstantinidis, Evelina

Tziora

Twitter: @KyMrlnkrk

## Biography:

Maria Elena Kyriakou was born in Cyprus and she is the mother of three boys. At the age of 12 she won the 1996 child singer contest of Cyprus.

In 2006 Maria Elena got a degree in Greek literature and humanities, and started working as a professor. However in 2014 she participated at the Voice of Greece music tv Show, which she finally won, mentored by the famous greek singer Despoina Vandi.

As the winner of the show she signed a contract with MINOS EMI and her first album was released in July 2014. She has recently started performing at the prestigious Posidonion Concert Hall of Athens.

#### Lyrics:

My soul, I guess I'm just no one you killed me and I am done, without a gun my light has fade, I feel betrayed just can't be brave, without faith How could you leave?

#### Refrain

I'm begging you take me wherever you have gone come back and save me don't want to be alone nothing left, I just have one last breath

I'm begging you take me out of this firing hell come back and save me what happened wasn't fair nothing left all that I have is one last breath only one last breath

#### Couplet II

Just pain, fake love and drunken lie I struggle to survive, I'm still alive I'm fighting tears and fears apart but still it's dark, inside my heart







# Estonia



# My Mark:



#### **ERR**

www.err.ee

**Performer:** Elina Born & Stig Rästa **Song:** Goodbye To Yesterday

Composer: Stig Rästa Writer: Stig Rästa Twitter: @ElinaStig

## Biography:

Three years ago Estonia's hottest songwriter Stig stumbled across a young girl's video on YouTube, where she was singing Christina Aguilera's song Cruz. It was Elina. "I was completely charmed by her musicality", remarks Stig.

Elina was at school when a message from the famous songwriter blipped into her inbox on Facebook. "To be honest, I started crying. It took me a couple of days to gather the courage to write back," Elina recalls. The rest is history. 79% can't be wrong. That was the huge win that Estonian voters handed Goodbye to Yesterday. The same song that waited for years in Stig's drawer for just the right moment and just the right partner

## Lyrics:

I woke up at 6 a.m. my eyes were closed but my mind was awake pretended I was breathing in a deep sleep pace

got dressed so quietly I was frozen by the jingle of my keys at the door as I got outside I smiled to the dog

I didn't wanna wake you up my love was never gonna be enough so I took my things and got out of your way now girl

why didn't you wake me up I'm pretty sure i would have told you to stop lets try again and say goodbye goodbye to yesterday

why would you think like that yeah we fight a lot but in the end you and I we're a perfect match

I wouldn't want it any other way but now you're gone and I'm all alone lying here naked and staring at the phone







# **FYR Macedonia**



# My Mark:



#### **MKRTV**

www.mrt.com.mk

Performer: Daniel Kajmakoski
Song: Autumn Leaves
Composer: Joacim Persson
Writer: Joacim Persson
Twitter: @Kay\_Makovsky

## Biography:

Daniel (31) is a Macedonian-born pop & rock singer, composer, songwriter, and guitar and piano player living in Vienna, where he moved with his family at the age of six. He was named after Daniel Popovic, who represented Yugoslavia it the 1983 Eurovision Song Contest.

After a host of appearances in music talent shows across Austria, Macedonia, and Bulgaria, in 2013 Daniel auditioned for X Factor Adria and amazed both the jury and the audience with his unique performances which revealed a mature self-confident singer who owns the stage in a very special way.

The song he recorded for the We'll Be World Champions movie soundtrack, topped the MTV Adria chart for weeks. Winning the Skopje Festival booked him a ticket for the Eurovision Song Contest in Austria. In January, Daniel joined a diverse team of world-famous singers for the official anthem of the Handball World Championship in Qatar.

#### Lyrics:

Met in the dark of night you were my lucky strike crazy kids with out a clue; hanging from our knees up in the willow trees easy like the month of June; a fairytale gone right with no ending in sight had me tangled up in blue; You said we'd never change but maybe we do... Baby this is all we ever used to know But I can see your colours change to red and gold

Every moment will hurt; from the last to the first; and I'm trying find a way to breathe; Close the book and the chapter forever and after; I'm falling like the autumn leaves; my heart is beating like a million drums; cuz your the ground under my feet; I'm trying to hold on but baby I'm falling free;

Baby this is all we ever used to know But I can see your colours change to red and gold Every moment will hurt; from the last to the first; and I'm trying find a way to breathe; Close the book and the chapter forever and after;

I'm falling like the autumn leaves; my heart is beating like a million drums; cuz your the ground under my feet; I'm trying to hold on but baby I'm falling free; Like the autumn leaves



Like the autumn leaves







# Serbia



# My Mark:



## RTS

www.rts.rs

Performer: Bojana Stamenov

Song: Beauty Never Lies

Composer: Vladimir Graić

Writer: Charlie Mason

Twitter: @BojanaStamenov

## Biography:

Bojana Stamenov was born in 1986 and has been singing since she was seven. She attended even three sections in the secondary music school – guitar, lute and renaissance singing. She was the finalist of the show Serbia's Got Talent in 2012, when she enchanted the audience with her magnificent voice and brilliant interpretation.

She started singing because she felt anxious playing only an instrument. She loves to travel and in the future would like to visit France because of art and food, Ireland because of wonderful landscapes and beer, America because of blues, cowgirls, bikers, Chicago, musicals, Las Vegas...

Bojana doesn't like solitude, which is why she tries to spend as much time as possible with her beloved ones. If everyone is busy, Bojana knits and crochets, and also really loves to cook.

Her message to the fans of the Eurovision Song Contest is to never give up on what they love and who they love, because love is all we are left with in the end.

## Lyrics:

In a shadowy world lived a dazzling girl Unaware of the light she'd imprisoned inside. Took a million mistakes to lead her to daybreak

But she made it through, now I know the truth!

Beauty never lies, never hides, never gives a damn!

Beauty never lies, no, it cries "Here I am!" Finally I can say, yes, I'm diff'rent, and it's okay! Here I am!

Had to shatter the fears laughing in the mirror Undermining me, now at last I see!

Beauty never lies, never hides, never gives a damn!

Beauty never lies, no, it cries "Here I am!" Finally I can say, yes, I'm diff'rent, and it's okay! Here I am!

Beneath the veil of skin the heart's entangled in

Beauty's embodied!

Beneath the mask of shame, my soul is set aflame!

Beauty never lies, never hides, never gives a damn!

Beauty never lies, no, it cries "Here I am!" Finally I can say, yes, I'm diff'rent, and it's okay!

Here I am! Here I am!







# Hungary



# My Mark:



#### **MTVA**

www.mtva.hu

Performer: Boggie

**Song:** Wars For Nothing

Composers: Áron Sebestyén / Boglárka Csemer

Writer: Sára Hélène Bori
Twitter: @boggieofficial

## Biography:

Boggie has released her first solo album in 2013, but it was not until January 2014 that she gained worldwide recognition. The music video of her song Nouveau Parfum has been viewed by more than 30 million people all around the world and her debut album skyrocketed to the 3rd place of the Billboard jazz list and to the 17th place of the Billboard world music list. Boggie also received worldwide media attention from the biggest TV channels and news sites. She released her second album titled All is one is all in 2014.

Boggie is also a proficient live performer: she has played at the Jazz Sur Seine festival in Paris and at several shows in New York, Frankfurt, Munich, the Netherlands and extensively toured Hungary with her live band. She is not only a talented singer, but also writes her own lyrics and songs.

2015 started as a lucky year for Boggie: she was nominated as Glamour Woman of the Year, her videoclip for her single Nouveau Parfum got among the 17 nominees for the Highlights of Hungary awards and she won the Hungarian national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest with her song Wars For Nothing.

## Lyrics:

Do you know our earth is a mess All the wars for nothing, it never ends Everybody deserves a chance All the souls, all the souls, can you hear them cry?

That you live in peace does not mean It's okey to ignore all the pain I see children joining the stars Soldiers walk towards the dark, let me ask

Can you justify all the eyes That will never see daylight Give me one good reason to hurt A helpless soul, break a heart, kill a mind.

Do you know how many innocents Are hiding from punishment For crimes they'd never commit All alone, all alone, do they deserve To die for believing something else, For having a face someone can't stand Do you know our earth is a mess All the wars for nothing, it never ends All the souls, all alone, hold them tight All the souls, deserve a chance at life







# **Belarus**



# My Mark:



#### **BTRC**

www.tvr.by

Performer: Uzari & Maimuna

Song: Time
Composer: Uzari

Writer: Gerylana / Maimuna

Twitter: @UzariAndMaimuna

## Biography:

With a Belarusian mother and Malian father Maimuma's family decided to stay in Belarus. Fondly known as 'Moon' to her friends, she is "The First Violin of Belarus". Seeking new challenges, she recorded two albums: Queen of Africa and Showtime.

Uzari is a professional singer and composer, born and raised in Minsk by a very music-oriented family. His first experience with the Eurovision Song Contest began in 2011 when he supported Anastasia Vinnikova in Düsseldorf as backing vocalist. After that Uzari participated in the Belarusian national final in 2012 and 2013. In 2014, he co-wrote the song Sokol for the 2014 Junior Eurovision Song Contest whilst also being busy finalising Time with Maimuna.

## Lyrics:

Tell me where I belong
I've been trying for so long
Breaking out through the night
Made me see the bright light
Now I'm willing to fight
And I know that Time is on my side

Time is like thunder a-aa Hear it like thunder a-aa All we've got are somedays and I am Trying not to waste. Time is like thunder a-aa Beating like thunder in our heads Time is like thunder aa-aa-aa

At the end of your rope Keep on hoping against all hope oo-o Time is fading away So don't you lose a day We can do what we say

Time is like thunder \Time is like thunder \Time is like thunder I know ,you know I don't want to wait Like thunder \ like thunder

Time is like thunder aaa
Hear it like thunder aaa
Beating like thunder aaa aaa aaa
Time is like thunder aaa
Hear it like thunder aaa
Hear it like thunder aaa
All we've got are somedays and I'm
Trying not to waste.
Time is like thunder aaa
Beating like thunder....
Time is like thunder aa aa aa
I don't want to wait





# Russia



# My Mark:



## C1R

www.1tv.ru

Performer: Polina Gagarina
Song: A Million Voices

**Composers:** Gabriel Alares, Joakim Björnberg,

Katrina Noorbergen, Leonid Gutkin,

Vladimir Matetsky

**Writer:** Gabriel Alares, Joakim Björnberg,

Katrina Noorbergen, Leonid Gutkin,

Vladimir Matetsky

Twitter:

@Polina\_Gagarina

## Biography:

Polina has graduated from the State Music School of Popular & Jazz Art and MKhAT Theatre School. She is the winner of the International Music Festival New Wave and the winner of various Russian music awards.

Polina released two albums in 2005 and 2010. Now she's working on her third album. In 2014 she played a leading part in a movie. She's married to the famous photographer Dmitry Iskhakov, and she has a 7-year old son, Andrei.

#### Lyrics:

We are the worlds people Different yet we're the same We believe We believe in a dream

Praying for peace and healing I hope we can start again We believe We believe in a dream

So if you ever feel love is fading Together like the stars in the sky We can sing We can shine

When you hear our voices call You won't be lonely anymore A million voices Your heart is like a beating drum Burning brighter than the sun A million voices

Now as the world is listening From cities and satellites We believe We believe In a dream If you ever feel love is fading Together like the stars in the sky We can sing We can shine

When you hear our voices call You won't be lonely anymore A million voices Your heart is like a beating drum Burning brighter than the sun

When I look around at these faces I can see the stars in the sky We will sing We will shine

Singing out
Singing out
ooh
Singing out
Singing out
ooh
Singing out
A million voices









# Denmark



# My Mark:



# DR

www.dr.dk

Performer: Anti Social Media
Song: The Way You Are
Composer: Remee, Chief 1
Writer: Remee, Chief 1

Twitter:

## Biography:

Over 2 million viewers watched the moment when the band won Dansk Melodi Grand Prix 2015, the Danish national selection for the Eurovision Song Contest. As a result of their victory, the band will represent Denmark at this year's contest in Vienna.

Anti Social Media was considered one of the viewers' favourites at Dansk Melodi Grand Prix even though many of their competitors consisted of well-known and established artists and songwriters. Anti Social Media is all in all a new, young and fresh contributor to this year's Eurovision Song Contest.

#### Lyrics:

Summer's here, winter's gone Finally I can see the sun Every time you walk in to the room all my fears disappear When I'm in your atmosphere I don't know what it is you do But you do And I can't explain why

Its the Way you are Its just the Way that you are That Can make my Day Bad times go away

Its the Way you are Its just the Way that you are That Can make my Day Bad times go away

Like an old radio, a song i just cant let go All i Got on my mind is you Movie stars and caviar couldn't get me where you are There's nothing I can do About it

Its the Way you are Its just the Way that you are That Can make my Day Bad times go away And I'll be right there When you need Someone to guide you. Whatever it takes girl I will be doing it for you.

'Cause i've been acting like a fool I Wanna take my time And spend it all on you. So girl just come and sweep my feet of the Ground, like you do

Its the Way you are
Its Just the Way that you are
That Can make my Day
Bad times go away hey

Its the Way you are Its just the Way that you are That Can make my Day Bad times go away

Because its all about you Because its all about you girl And I'm hanging on to every single word you say

Its the Way you are
Its Just the Way that you are
That Can make my Day
Bad times go away
Its the Way you are
Bad times go away
Its the Way you are...









# **Albania**



# My Mark:



## **RTSH**

www.rtsh.al

Performer: Elhaida Dani Song: I'm Alive

Composers: Arber Elshani, Kristijan Lekaj

Writer: Sokol Marsi
Twitter: @elhaidadani93

## Biography:

Elhaida Dani was born in 1993 in Shkodra, Albania. She started to sing when she was four years old. She studied piano at school. In 2009 she took part and won the talent show Star Academy. After this show she released her first song Si Asnjëherë and later two more songs Fjala E Fundit and Vetmia.

Elhaida has taken part in several music competitions in Albania and abroad, winning prestigious awards, among others the best New Artist of the Festival Suncane Skale in Montenegro and the Grand Prix in the festival Nova Musica in Bulgaria.

In June 2012, Elhaida won the Top Fest show in Albania, and the song she presented, S'je Me, became a hit. In 2013 she became The Voice of Italy and the following year 2013 she released When Love Calls Your Name by Cocciante and Baciami e Basta by Francesco Silvestre and Modà.

During 2013-14 she has been touring Italy performing on the same stage together with Patti Smith, Elisa, Fiorella Mannoia, Dolores O'Riordan, Fausto Leali, Giovanni Allevi, Caro Emerald and many others.

## Lyrics:

I was too afraid right from the start To even let you, welcome you in my heart You cut it deep and left it bleeding hard Will i ever heal these painful scars?

I just can't help it I'm out of breath, I'm try and find the words to say Time pass' by Now its broad daylight

I know you'll come
With the speed of light
You're my everything, all that I need.
You shut down my dreams
But I'm not gonna cry
You live within me, that's why I'm alive
I am alive
Cuz you are my life,
You are my sun,
I am alive, cuz you are my life.

Your name is printed crystal clear on glass.. From all the sighs, coming out' my breath I'm blinded by, This love can't stop screaming out your name so loud Where are you at?

I know you'll come
With the speed of light
You're my everything, all that I need.
You shut down my dreams
But I'm not gonna cry
You live within me, that's why I'm alive
I am alive
Cuz you are my life,
You are my sun,
I am alive, cuz you are my life.

Baby won't you come back?







# Romania



# My Mark:



## **TVR**

www.tvr.ro

Performer: Voltaj

Song: De La Capat/ All Over Again

Composers: Calin Gavril Goia, Gabriel Constantin,

Adrian Cristescu, Paduraru Silviu-Marian,

Alstani Victor-Razvan

Writer: Calin Gavril Goia, Gabriel Constantin,

Adrian Cristescu, Paduraru Silviu-Marian, Alstani Victor-Razvan, Monica-Ana Stevens, Andrei-Madalin Leonte

Twitter: @voltaiofficial

# Biography:

During their long-lasting career, Voltaj's most famous songs have been Lumea E A Mea (The World Is Mine), Da Vina Pe Voltaj (Blame It On Voltaj) and 20.

The artists have played in lots of countries including Moldova, Austria, Italy, Spain and Ireland, usually more than hundred concerts per year. Voltaj have already received several awards like the Best Romanian Act in the MTV Europe Music Awards in 2005, among others.

Last year the band started a campaign delecapat.ro (alloveragain) supporting the children left alone by their parents who went to work outside the borders. They are now connected with other majors in child protection non-profit organisations like Unitedway and Habitat for Humanity.

## Lyrics:

Cantec de-ar fi viata mea Vesel, trist, tot l-as canta Nu as rata nicio nota Rau de-ar fi l-as inota Pan' la mare l-as urma Nu m-as opri niciodata Stii ca Viata n-are buton de rewind sa Poti sa intorci ce-ai pierdut Nu poti nici sa o pui pe pauza Cand nu stii ce-i de facut

Daca maine noaptea n-ar mai avea vreo stea Daca intruna vantul spre mine ar sufla Tu ai fi motivul, tu ai fi motivul sa pot Sa pot s-o iau de la capat Daca maine cerul ar fi prea plin de nori Daca nicio raza nu m-ar atinge-n zori Tu ai fi motivul, tu ai fi motivul sa pot Sa pot s-o iau de la capat

As zbura chiar si-o noapte-ntreaga Spre zorii-n care ai fi tu Ploile n-ar putea sa-nteleaga De ce nu cad cand sunt tot ud Daca maine noaptea n-ar mai avea vreo stea Daca intruna vantul spre mine ar sufla Tu ai fi motivul, tu ai fi motivul sa pot Sa pot s-o iau de la capat Daca maine cerul ar fi prea plin de nori Daca nicio raza nu m-ar atinge-n zori Tu ai fi motivul, tu ai fi motivul sa pot Sa pot s-o iau de la capat







# Georgia



# My Mark:



## **GPB**

www.gpb.ge

Performer: Nina Sublatti

**Song:** Warrior

**Composers:** Nina Sublatti, Thomas G:son

Writer: Nina Sublatti
Twitter: @NinaSublatti

## Biography:

As early as 2009, Nina Sublatti already received an offer from a modeling agency and worked as a model, with famous designers and photographers. She worked with various bands, and gave concerts in different parts of Georgia.

In 2011 Nina started cooperation with Georgian Dream Studio, and two years later she participated in the Georgian Idol show. In the framework of the project, she worked with Bravo Band and Georgia State Symphony Orchestra. Nina became the winner of the project and received an invitation from London Institute of Music (highest level of vocals). The same year she entered the Academy of Arts named after Apolon Kutateladze, department of interior design. In 2014 Nina worked with Bravo Records and recorded her debut album Dare To Be Nina Sublatti. The album, from the release date until now, two years later, is still first in the charts.

Since 2014 Nina has been studying in Vano Sarajishvili Tbilisi State Conservatoire, faculty of music technologies. She also works in the music school Teen Club where she teaches young performers.

## Lyrics:

Fighter
Oximated
World's gonna get up and see

I'm a warrior isolated World's gonna listen to me

Violence Set it free Wings are gonna spread up

I'm a warrior isolated World's gonna get up and see

woohoo

I'm a warrior still stuck in my mind I've been in danger for too long No no no

woohoo

I'm a warrior still stuck in my mind I've been in danger for too long No

Not a shabby Or a money maker World's gonna light up in peace

Not in shadows Bright a little Not your fault you're just gonna breathe

Violence
Break me free
Wings are gonna spread up
I'm a warrior
Oximated
I'm gonna get up and be

woohoo I'm a warrior still stuck in my mind I've been in danger for too long No no no







# Semi-Final 2

# May 21th, 2015

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In The Name Of Love

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# Lithuania



# My Mark:



# **LRT**

www.lrt.lt

Performer: Monika Linkyte and Vaidas Baumila

**Song:** This Time

Composer: Vytautas Bikus Writer: Monika Liubinaitė

Twitter: @MonikaLinkyte | @JacobMila

## Biography:

Vaidas Baumila is one of the best-known singers of the young generation in Lithuania. After a period of singing on the cruise ship Queen Elizabeth, he has been a part of prestigious plays and various TV projects. Back in 2006, the singer released his debut album What Do You Like? to great popularity. His second album Listen to Me was released in 2008 and gave him the award of Best Singer in Lithuania. The singer is currently working on his third album, which is to be released in March 2015.

When Monika was a little girl she used to dream of being a dancer. However, as soon as she had started to play the piano, Monika understood that music is more important than anything else.

"I am sure that the biggest achievement of a person is finding himself. I say that from my own experience." - claims Monika. She has participated in a number of musical contests, festivals and TV projects and has taken part in the Lithuanian selection for the Eurovision Song Contest since 2009.

#### Lyrics:

This time, I think I'm falling in love
This time, you're sent from heaven above
Oh oh oh
My God, stop for a minute and think
How 'bout we just go out for a drink
Oh oh oh
'Cos every time I close my eyes
I feel you near

I'm feeling love, love Round and round and round and round we go I'm feeling love, love, love Round and round and round and right in my heart

This time, I hope you don't mind I'll help you put your troubles behind Oh oh oh I know there's a reason for this One kiss, and you will see what you've missed Oh oh oh I'm feeling love, love Round and round and round and round we go I'm feeling love, love Round and round and round and right in my heart

Is this how it goes? I don't know...









# Ireland



# My Mark:



# RTE

www.rte.ie

Performer: Molly Sterling

**Song:** Playing With Numbers

Composers: Greg French & Molly Sterling
Writer: Greg French & Molly Sterling

**Twitter:** @SterlingMolly

## Biography:

When she was little, she used to sing along to her dad's Eagles, Queen and Meatloaf CDs in the car. She taught herself piano when she was 11 and when she was 12 she entered her first competition and that's when she was bitten with the performance bug.

Molly now lives in Dublin. Her favourite artists are Stevie Nicks, Hozier, Lana Del Ray and Beyonce. She and songwriter/producer Greg French co-wrote Playing With Numbers as part of her upcoming album. The song was written about the risks people take every day in love and in life, and the experiences of taking the road less travelled.

Molly has put her heart on her sleeve and is gambling on Playing With Numbers as the song that will win the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest for Ireland.

#### Lyrics:

Do I owe you something I think I do
They tied our hands
But I cut through
In the arms of the potion
They found our truth
And I made a girl
Abandoned youth and

Made the mess in your vision and See a debt to be paid To give a little love was all that I wanted Give a little love was all my intent and I Was playing with the numbers and I didn't know what it meant

Please don't remind me
I won't be your muse
Fragile misguided minds like mine
Only know how to use
Whil I played with white lies and fiction
Unbeknownst to you
I played the victim
Well that was the last time I faced you and

Made the mess in your vision and See a debt to be paid To give a little love was all that I wanted Give a little love was all my intent and I Was playing with the numbers and I didn't know what it meant

I can watch from afar from my art on my Own all along I was lost I was wild this is Wrong I can't force this just watch as the surface Surrenders it all

Made the mess in your vision and See a debt to be paid to give a little was all that I wanted Give a little love was all my intent and I was playing with the numbers and I didn't know what it meant







# San Marino



# My Mark:



#### **SMRTV**

www.smtvsanmarino.sm

Performer: Anita Simoncini & Michele Perniola

Song: Chain of Lights
Composer: Ralph Siegel
Writer: John O'Flynn

Twitter: @anisimonc | @MichelePerniola

## Biography:

Anita Simoncini was born in 1999 in San Marino. Since 2014 she has been taking singing lessons with Linda Hermes and Augusto Ciavatta at the Voice Academy in San Marino. She represented her country in the 2014 Junior Eurovision Song Contest in Malta as a member of the girl band The Peppermints. She loves to define it as one of the best times of her life. She also has a passion for ballet, which she started practicing at the age of 4. She loves listening to Coldplay, Linkin Park, Radiohead and Etta James.

Michele Perniola was born in 1998 in Palagiano, Italy. From the age of 9 he attended school of classic ballet and took singing lessons. In 2012 he won the sixth edition of the RAI talent show Ti Lascio Una Canzone. Michele was chosen by SMRTV for their debut in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest in 2013 with the song O-o-O Sole Intorno A Me which is Michele's first single release. He co-wrote this song together with his producer and vocal coach Antonello Carozza who is also this year art director of the San Marino participation.

#### Lyrics:

No, I don't wanna dream forever of a time when peace was more than just a simple word I wanna find a better way of living and connect my tears and fears with friends understanding and forgiving must give this world a final chance

I can feel life is changin' times are rearrangin' in so many many ways let us try to make the world a better place

so light up the candles let's illuminate the night just light up the candles let Them shine on deep inside build a chain of light for you and a chain of light for me and believe that we can change reality

we've only got one life so let's try to make our dreams survive Michele: maybe we'll find out that many people feel the same - oh yeah

one's a lonely number - but together we can make a million candles shine forever let us build a chain of hearts in a world that's blue and dark

so light up the candles let's illuminate the night an' together hand in hand we will feel the love inside build a chain of love for you (chain of love for you) and a chain of love for me (chain of love for me) we will let our vision change reality

if we all light a candle we could build a chain of light if we all walk together we will feel the love inside

it's a chain of hearts for you chain of hearts for you and a chain of hearts for me chain of hearts for me let's create a world that's human, fair and bright

if we all light a candle
if we all light a candle
we'd illuminate the night
we'd illuminate the night
if we all walk together
yes we should
we will feel the love inside
it's a chain of light for you
chain of light for you
And a chain of light for me
we can build a peaceful world let's do it right
standing side by side
it's a chain of love for you
chain of love for you
and a chain of love for me
let's create a world that's human
fair and bright







# Montenegro



# My Mark:



#### **RTCG**

www.rtcg.me

Performer: KnezSong: Adio

**Composer:** Željko Joksimovic

Writer: Marina Tucaković & Dejan Ivanovic

Twitter: @KnezMusic

## Biography:

Nenad Knežević Knez was born in a family of musicians in Cetinje, the royal capital of Montenegro. His solo career began in 1992 with a performance at the prestigious Yugoslavian music festival MESAM. His Second album Dan za danom (Day by Day, 1994) brought him some more hits. The third album Automatik from 1996 broke all sales records.

Knez went touring through large halls all over the territory of former Yugoslavia. In 1999, he released a Best Of compilation with 18 greatest hits.

In 2012, after three years of creative work with his selected team of musicians, arrangers and producers in studios in Paris and Belgrade, Knez is back with a world music album The Magic of Balkan. In 2014, Knez started preparing his 11th music album, to be published in summer 2015. Later in October 2014, Knez was chosen by RTCG (Montenegrin Broadcasting Corporation) to represent Montenegro in the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest in Vienna.

#### Lyrics:

Nebo mi te donijelo Nebo mi te uzelo Još me boli što je boljelo Dani su mi zidovi Noći su mi okovi Još ti služim moja ljubavi

Još te ne dam maglama sa planina Još te ne dam vodama iz dubina A ti kažeš pusti me, živ mi bio Zaboravu predaj me, sad adio

Procvjetao ruzmarin,savio se bijeli krin meni sve na tugu miriše Probam da zaboravim, da na tebe ne mislim Al za tobom srce uzdiše

Još te ne dam maglama sa planina Još te ne dam vodama iz dubina A ti kažeš pusti me, živ mi bio Zaboravu predaj me, sad adio Na,na,naj,na na....

Još te ne dam maglama sa planina Još te ne dam vodama iz dubina A ti kažeš pusti me, živ mi bio Zaboravu predaj me, sad adio









# Malta



# My Mark:



## **TVM**

www.tvm.com.mt

Performer: Amber<br/>Song: Warrior

Composer: Elton Zarb

Writer: Matt Muxu Mercieca

Twitter: @AmberBondin

## Biography:

Amber was a keen student of judo as a youngster, obtaining a Green Belt before an injury forced her to quit at the age of 15. Since then she's put her competitive energy into music, gaining success in local talent shows.

Amber's number one passion is music and her dream is to secure a recording contract and perform in other countries.

She is excited by her song Warrior, which was written especially for her and allows her to demonstrate her vocal range. The song is about overcoming difficulties by finding an inner strength; she hopes people will find it inspirational. Her own singing heroes are Etta James, Beyonce and Ray Charles.

Amber enjoys voluntary work. She spent three weeks working for a charity in Tanzania in 2013 and plans to return this summer. She also spent time helping young kids in need in Reggio Calabria in Italy.

Amber is a Facebook addict and hopes to get to know the other contestants online before meeting them in person. She's also a chocoholic and is looking forward to trying Austrian chocolates and drinking a hot chocolate in a Vienna coffee house.

# Lyrics:

We Suffer, silently always fighting to break free

We were living in a shadow we were to scared to let go Wouldn't accept defeat when by losing we were winning we have to be courageous to be able to get through this And then it hits.

Break through the silence
The noise is louder than it's ever been.
Create something timeless
Never look back, the past is the past
I had no choice but to become a warrior
I had to conquer
I did not break, I left my faith in hope.

We are not the enemy, We're just tired of suffering. We broke through the shadow We finally let go and then it hit

Break through the silence
The noise is louder than it's ever been.
Create something timeless
Never look back, the past is the past
I had no choice but to become a warrior
I had to conquer
I did not break, I left my faith in hope.

I'm a warrior, I will conquer I'm a Warrior.









# **Norway**



# My Mark:

# NľK

## **NRK**

www.nrk.no

Performer: Mørland & Debrah Scarlett

Song: A Monster Like Me

Composer: Kjetil Mørland Writer: Kjetil Mørland

Twitter: @kjetilmorland | @DebrahScarlett

## Biography:

Kjetil Mørland comes from Grimstad in Southern Norway but has lived in the United Kingdom for most of his adult life. This has had a huge influence on him as an artist and songwriter. With the British band Absent Elk, Kjetil released the album Caught In The Headlights, produced by Toby Smith from Jamiroquai.

In the autumn of last year, Kjetil moved to Oslo in order to establish himself as a solo artist using the name Mørland. At the moment he is working on his first solo album which is set to be released during 2015.

A Monster Like Me is a dark love ballad written by Kjetil. It is about confronting something unresolved from the past, and about having to let go of the one you love.

Performing the song with him is Debrah Scarlett. Of Norwegian and Swiss origin, Debrah lived in a town called Nittedal north of Oslo until she was five years old, but has lived for the majority of her youth in Switzerland. In the autumn of 2013 she made an impression on many people with her unique voice by taking part in The Voice Norway. Since then she has performed for many people in her two homelands. In August last year she moved back to Norway and is now seriously hoping to kickstart a music career there.

## Lyrics:

Honey, I'm telling the truth
I did something terrible in my early youth
My mind went blank, I lost control
I was just a little boy, I did not know
I better let you go...

To find the prince you thought you found in me I better set you free and give you up
Just wave and say goodbye and let you live
Without a monster like me
Honey, what am I to you
Now I have pulled the trigger on this awful truth
Oh hold me now, cause I'm burning up
Sing me something beautiful, just make it stop I better let you go...

To find the prince you thought you found in me I better set you free and give you up Just wave and say goodbye and let you live Without a monster like me







# **Portugal**



# My Mark:



RTP

www.rtp.pt

Performer: Leonor Andrade

Song: Há Um Mar Que Nos Separa

**Composer:** Miguel Gameiro **Writer:** Miguel Gameiro

Twitter:

## Biography:

The piano is Leonor's instrument of choice to compose her songs. She has always sung. The first serious musical experience was when she had her first band, Mariacaffe, a Portuguese rock band, with her brother and two friends.

Later, she realised she really wanted to have a musical career and tried her luck at The Voice of Portugal. She was in Anselmo Ralph's team and made it to the semifinals.

After The Voice, she kept on working in music, composing her songs and giving some concerts. She also had her first experience as an actress in the RTP series Água de Mar.

Meanwhile, she was invited to participate in Festival da Canção and to give her voice to the song written by Miguel Gameiro. She has always loved Miguel's work, so she couldn't be happier. And finally she ended up winning Festival da Canção, which she still can't believe.

## Lyrics:

São três da manhã E a chuva cai Nas ruas da cidade Bate uma saudade no meu peito

Vejo se me endireito Mas falta-me a vontade Eu não sou eu Se tu não estás

Se é o mar que nos separa Vou secá-lo de saudade E apertar-te contra o peito Beijo feito de vontade

Ainda tenho As tuas mãos no meu rosto E o gosto a mel Da tua boca

Louca foi a noite Em que te conheci Triste a madrugada Em que te perdi Se é o mar que nos separa Vou secá-lo de saudade E apertar-te contra o peito Beijo feito de vontade

Se é o mar que nos separa Vou secá-lo de saudade E apertar-te contra o peito Beijo feito de vontade







# **Czech Republic**



# My Mark:



#### Ceska Televize

www.ceskatelevize.cz

Performer: Marta Jandová & Václav Noid Bárta

Song: Hope Never Dies
Composer: Václav Noid Bárta
Writer: Tereza Šoralová
Twitter: @Jandova Fanweb

## Biography:

Marta Jandová was born in Prague into an artistic family. In 1993, she moved to Germany and started singing in a rock band called Die Happy. In 2000, they released Supersonic Speed, the first of their eight studio albums. The band has received several nominations for the major Echo and Eins Live Krone music awards and has played more than 1,000 concerts.

In 2011, Marta sang Hit The Goal with her sister, which was an official anthem of the German national women's football team and became a part of the FIFA Women's World Cup. In Germany she presided over the competition Popstars on Pro7.

Bárta's interest in music began at the age of four. He learnt to play the piano, flute and clarinet and later, self-taught, the guitar, bass and percussion instruments. Over the years in the field of pop and rock music he has collaborated as a composer, arranger, and singer with some of the leading Czech musicians.

In recent years he has performed roles in a number of stage musicals. He composed the music for the musical Němcová and the film Kajínek, in which he also appeared as the title character's prison mate. He composed and sang the title song to the television series The Mall, and he also appears in the series Weddings in Venice.

A solo CD, Václav NOID Bárta, has been released, where as well as cover versions of hits, we can find his own compositions in which he collaborated with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra and lead violinist Gabriela Demeterová.

#### Lyrics:

Wait for me don't cross the sea of pain Wait for me I'm lost I've gone astray Ravens calling my name, their wings so dark Soon they'll take me away, I have their mark They never miss their prey

There is no light to pray for Cold and dim are the skies Wounded lying Running out of life In your eyes I could see Our hopes and our future Now we must let go

Find me where the night turns into day Your love as a torch shows us the way How to be whole again There is no light to pray for Cold and dim are the skies Wounded lying Running out of life In your eyes I could see Our hopes and our future Now we must let go Must let go, must let fade away Or we can rise and fight

For a light to live for Fire in our hearts Through our pain Through all the lies We will walk, walk reborn Hope never dies Never let me go







# Israel



# My Mark:



## **IBA**

www.iba.org.il

Performer: Nadav Guedj
Song: Golden Boy
Composer: Doron Medalie
Writer: Doron Medalie
Twitter: @NadavGuedj

## Biography:

Born in Paris and raised in Israel, Nadav recently won the TV talent show, The Rising Star - Israel's most viewed singing competition. Here his prize was being given the honour of representing Israel at the Eurovision Song Contest in Vienna. Nadav wants to bring a powerful combination of European and Mediterranean sounds to the show.

Besides being a teenager and high school student, Nadav loves listening to a plethora of pop artists whilst also enjoying music from different genres such as Hip hop, electronic, R&B, Soul and orther young Israeli artists

With a unique voice and an energetic performance, Israel's Golden Boy is planning to enjoy the ride and is looking forward to having some fun in Vienna.

As a fresh and aspiring artist, Nadav sees no limits to the music that inspires him, tapping his feet to both worldwide trends as well as local influences.

## Lyrics:

Mama, someone broke my heart again Tell her I don't think I can take it anymore Mama, someone broke my heart again Now I'm gonna ease my pain, Dancing on the floor

Take me out, I'm not in the mood for a broken heart Gonna dance tonight, forget her No, she doesn't know What I'm doing on the floor Did you say hello, my ladies?

Pull me baby, I'm your trigger You know that my love is bigger Love, Love Let the rhythm take us higher You know when I'm on fire Check me out (3-2-1- hey!)

I'm a golden boy Come here to enjoy I'm the king of fun Let me show you how we do it I'm a golden boy Come here to enjoy And before I leave Let me show you Tel Aviv

Hold me tight, We're not going home tonight Oh yeah, do you like my dancing? Pull me baby, I'm your trigger You know that my love is bigger Check me out (3-2-1- hey!)

I'm a golden boy
Come here to enjoy
I'm the king of fun
Let me show you how we do it
I'm a golden boy
Come here to enjoy
And before I leave
Let me show you Tel Aviv

This is how we do it...







# Latvia



# My Mark:



## LTV

www.ltv.lv

Performer: Aminata

Song: Love Injected

Composer: Aminata Savadogo
Writer: Aminata Savadogo
Twitter: @AminataSavadogo

## Biography:

Aminata was born in Riga in 1993 to a Latvian mother of Latvian and Russian descent, and a father from Burkina Faso. She considers herself foremostly Latvian.

She grew up in Latvia - a country, where everybody sings - but her strong and unique voice, which is a blend of three different singing traditions - African, Russian and European - has attracted attention in many singing competitions and music projects she has successfully participated so far.

Latvians believe that the combination of her diverse background, gifted composing skills and stage charm resembles the values of Eurovision Song Contest and puts her as a strong candidate for the victory.

## Lyrics:

You bring
The light
To
My darkest side, babe

The day
The night
Split
To cure the sight, Oh...

You care You animate You guard me bare Bring up the heart rate

Chorus: Your love Revives my soul And I know You'll choose it whole Overall Your eye's a good mirror Look under the cover Love Is above all

I'm safe Into your hands. Let's move away The edges expand

Chorus.

Bridge: Show me the source of the light I'm becoming affected Seeing the glow of a white Is what I have detected

Feeling again I'm alive It's your shining reflected Love injected, love injected

Chorus







# Azerbaijan



# My Mark:



## Ictimai TV

www.itv.az

Performer: Elnur Huseynov

Song: Hour Of The Wolf

Composers: Nicolas Rebscher, Nicklas Lif, Lina

Hansson

Writer: Sandra Bjurman, Nicolas Rebscher,

Nicklas Lif, Lina Hansson

Twitter: @Inrhsynv

# Biography:

Elnur Huseynov is an Azerbaijani singer, born in 1987. At the age of five, Elnur had his first experience with music, when he started attending piano and vocal classes. Later on, Elnur began to experiment with different music styles such as classic, jazz and pop. He worked at the Azerbaijan State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre and at the State Philharmonic Hall. Elnur continued improving his vocal technique under the guidance of renowned vocal coaches.

The Azerbaijani artist will take the Eurovision stage for a second time. In 2008 as a part of Elnur & Samir duo with the song Day After Day, he reached the eighth place in the Grand Final.

After the Eurovision Song Contest, Elnur's musical career had an unexpected turn. He played a part of Phoebus in Azerbaijan's version Notre-Dame De Paris. In February this year, Elnur won the fourth season of Turkish version of the The Voice. In the final battle he set up a record in the televoting history of the show by collecting over a million votes.

## Lyrics:

I hold my breath, I'm on the edge Storming hills, I've been lost and found I hope they're coming, I can hear them running

I once met peace, he said that he Soon would have the answers to this hurt And my mind was made up, I would never give up

No I won't sleep tonight
If tomorrow comes I'll lose my mind
I won't give up my right, I know every heart
deserves a fight

I will beat on the drum, rise above with me I will go till I'm numb, rise above with me No I won't sleep tonight

They whine and roar, hungry for more Yellow glowing eyes, I'm hypnotised I feel brave yet scared, but I'll stay prepared Oh have my soul, it's destined It's written in the sky Let me not be blinded by this hurt Set him loose I'm ready For the stars to guide me

No I won't sleep tonight If tomorrow comes I'll lose my mind

No I won't sleep tonight If tomorrow comes I'll lose my mind I won't give up my right, I know every heart deserves a fight

I will beat on the drum, rise above with me I will go till I'm numb, rise above with me No I won't sleep tonight

No I won't sleep tonight If tomorrow comes I'll lose my mind I won't give up my right, I know every heart deserves a fight







# **Iceland**



# My Mark:



## **RUV**

www.ruv.is

Performer: Maria Olafs
Song: Unbroken

**Composers:** Ásgeir Orri Ásgeirsson, Pálmi Ragnar Ásgeirsson, Sæþór Kristjánsson

Ásgeir Orri Ásgeirsson, Pálmi Ragnar

Ásgeirsson, Sæþór Kristjánsson, María

Ólafsdóttir

Twitter:

Writer:

## Biography:

Maria Olafs has had more stage experience than most of her friends. In 2007 she had a small role in a play, which was staged by The National Theatre in Reykjavík. She played the role of Louisa von Trapp in the Sound of Music in the Municipal Theatre in Reykjavík in 2009 - the original movie of the show is one of her all-time favourites. In the same year she played the part of a young Michael Jackson in a tribute show at Reykjavík's Broadway Club. In 2014 Maria took the leading role of Ronja The Robber's Daughter in Mosfellsbær Theater Group's production of Astrid Lindgren's play of the same name.

Maria started working with the StopWaitGo songwriting team in 2012 when still a student at Verzlunarskóli Íslands high school. When the StopWaitGo threesome wrote the song Unbroken for this year's Söngvakeppnin the guys had Maria in mind and the song perfectly fits her vocal range. She agreed to sing the song but did not expect to win the contest, so the victory came as a total surprise.

#### Lyrics:

One step at a time out of the darkness one foot in front of the other. One step at a time into the distance a new path I need to uncover.

I'm letting go. Go.

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever.
One step at a time I pick up the pieces try putting them back together till I'm unbroken.
Unbroken.
One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever.

One step at a time and I got a feeling it's either now or never.

I'm letting go. Go.

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever.
One step at a time I pick up the pieces try putting them back together till I'm unbroken.
Unbroken

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever.

I'm letting gon. Go.

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever. One step at a time I pick up the pieces try putting them back together till I'm unbroken.

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever.

I'm letting go. Go.

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever.
One step at a time
I pick up the pieces try putting them back together 'til I'm unbroken.
Unbroken.

One step at a time get out of the darkness and into the light forever







# Sweden



# My Mark:



**SVT** 

www.svt.se

Performer: Måns Zelmerlöw

Song: Heroes

Composers: Linnea Deb, Joy Deb, Anton Hård af

Segerstad

Writer: Linnea Deb, Joy Deb, Anton Hård af

Segerstad

Twitter: @manszelmerlow

## Biography:

Måns is a versatile artist who has won Let's Dance, played the lead role in Grease and Romeo & Juliet, hosted TV-shows, alongside being a successful composer and recording artist.

Heroes is a culmination of a long period of reinvention for the 28-year old musician Måns Zelmerlöw and that lurking desire to entertain has returned. Heroes is an example of what he hopes to achieve with his next album which will be out later this year – a mix of the organic musicianship with an electronic influence and a touch of the personality that helped him become so successful in the first place.

#### Lyrics:

Don't tell the gods I left a mess I can't undo what has been done Let's run for cover What if I'm the only hero left You better fire off your gun Once and forever He said go dry your eyes And live your life like there is no tomorrow, son And tell the others To go sing it like a hummingbird The greatest anthem ever heard:

We are the heroes of our time But we're dancing with the demons in our minds... We are the heroes of our time Hero-uh-o-o-oes O-uh-o-o-oh We're dancing with the demons in our minds Hero-uh-o-o-oes O-uh-o-o-oh

The crickets sing a song for you
Don't say a word, don't make a sound
It's life's creation
I make worms turn into butterflies
Wake up and turn this world around
In appreciation
He said I never left your side
When you were lost I followed right behind
Was your foundation
Now go sing it like a hummingbird
The greatest anthem ever heard:

We are the heroes of our time Hero-uh-o-o-oes O-uh-o-o-oh We're dancing with the demons in our minds Hero-uh-o-o-oes O-uh-o-o-oh

(We keep dancing with the demons You could be a hero)

Go sing it like a hummingbird The greatest anthem ever heard Now sing together....

We are the heroes of our time
Hero-uh-o-o-oes
O-uh-o-o-oh
But we're dancing with the demons in our minds
Hero-uh-o-o-oes O-uh-o-o-oh
We are the heroes of our time
Hero-uh-o-o-oes
O-uh-o-o-oh
But we're dancing with the demons in our minds
Hero-uh-o-o-oes O-uh-o-o-oh

We are the heroes







# **Switzerland**



# My Mark:



#### **SRG SSR**

www.srgssr.ch

Performer: Mélanie René
Song: Time To Shine
Composer: Mélanie René
Writer: Mélanie René

Twitter: @MelanieReneESC

## Biography:

As a daughter of musicians, Mélanie René discovered her passion for music at the age of seven - and for several years she trained in the performing arts and song-writing at the Funambule Theatre in Nyon, Switzerland.

Her talent was noticed at several competitions, such as the George Grigoriu Festival in Braila, Romania, where she was awarded the grand prize in 2009. In 2010 she left for the United Kingdom to continue her musical training at the ACM (Academy of Contemporary Music) and the BIMM (Brighton Institute of Modern Music). It was during her time in the United Kingdom that she wrote her Eurovision Song Contest entry Time To Shine.

With her song, Mélanie René sends us a strong message: that you have the strength to go wherever you want to, to move mountains, to change the world if you want to.

#### Lyrics:

I've been walking in the darkness Always hiding from my true self Afraid of letting go, of deception in their eyes A wounded ego, unafraid to start a fight

I've been walking on a lonely road So many stories I have once been told No matter what they say I will follow my heart I think it's time for me to stand up and hold my ground

#### Refrain

'Cause I'm living my dreams, I've never been so alive

The sky's the limit now that I know I can fly No more pulling me down, no more mucking around

I'm growing up, and it's my time to shine
It doesn't matter if I'm wrong or right
I'm getting stronger everytime I try
I've learnt to let it go, taking one step at a time
I've mend my ego, now it's time for me to let it
shine

#### Refrain

It's my time to shine
I've been walking in the darkness
Always hiding from my true self
I've learnt to let it go, I've learnt to let it go,
I've learnt to let it go
Now it's my time to shine

#### Refrain

'Cause I'm living my dreams, I've never been so alive

The sky's the limit now that I know I can fly No more pulling me down, no more mucking around

I'm growing up, and it's my time to shine it's my time to shine, it's my time to shine







# Cyprus



# My Mark:



## **CyBC**

www.cybc.com.cy

Performer: John Karayiannis

**Song:** One Thing I Should Have Done

**Composer:** Mike Connaris **Writer:** Mike Connaris

Twitter: @JohnKarayiannis

## Biography:

When John was a kid he'd listen to Eminem & Linkin Park, and even Metallica, but his interest in singing began when he started listening to more melodic songs. His first TV appearance came at the age of 13, when he participated in the Cypriot national selection for the Junior Eurovision Song Contest.... Which was a great experience for him.

John is a big gamer, and if he's lucky enough to take a break from his hectic schedule, you'll find him down the local Internet Café.... and then you may not see him for three days! He's actually a pretty good gamer! John's musical influences are now Ed Sheeran & John Mayer - in fact any artist with a great voice and a great song. His interest in Eurovision began about 10 years ago when he heard the song Stronger Every Minute by Lisa Andreas and hoped one day he could represent Cyprus in the Eurovision Song Contest.

#### Lyrics:

Tonight the rain is falling
I'm feeling cold, and I'm
Out of my mind, without you
My head is spinning like a top
Back to the time we had a lot...going on
Now my world lies shattered
How quickly life can change

I always did everything for you I gave you my heart, you gave me yours too You'd make me feel I was really someone But there's one thing I should have done

One day you think you have it all The next you're staring at the wall...in a dream The road that once was paved with gold Has turned a rusty shade Of all the saddest colours in the world Now my life's in tatters How quickly it all can change

I always did everything for you I gave you my heart, you gave me yours too You'd make me feel I was really someone But there's one thing I should have done I should have been there for you I should have been there for you I should have been there for you I should have been there

I didn't do everything for you But I tried so hard and that's the truth I'd make you feel you were really someone But there's one thing I should have done

I nearly did everything for you But I broke your heart, now mine's broken too In your hour of need, I didn't come.... That's the one thing I should......have done







#### Slovenia



## My Mark:



#### **RTVLSO**

www.rtvslo.si

Performer: Maraaya

Song: Here For You

Composers: Raay, Marjetka Vovk
Writer: Charlie Mason, Raay
Twitter: @MaraayaMusic

#### Biography:

Marjetka graduated at the Ljubljana Academy of Music, and now teaches budding vocalists at her musical workshops. Raay is one of the most prolific music producers in Slovenia, and has been increasingly active abroad in recent years.

Raay has been the most played Slovene songwriter on annual airplay charts. He has designed Maraaya's music style, which is usually described as "indie pop".

"What's with the headphones?" is the most common question regarding Maraaya. Marjetka started to use her studio headphones on stage since she wanted to evoke the same emotions she felt in the studio while recording. The headphones became their trademark.

#### Lyrics:

When you're down down low And there's no place you can go... When you're down down low You know that I am here for you...

You came into my life when I was broken You heated up my heart when it was frozen And we got the flow Now it's up we go

And now thast it's your turn you wanna hide it A million times already you've denied it You don't have to fear You don't have to fight

When you're down down low Sinking in the undertow When you're down down low You know that I am here for you

Cause I know know baby All the hurt you never show When you're down down low You gotta let me heal your aching soul You came into my life when I was broken You heated up my heart when it was frozen And we got the flow Now it's up we go

Cause you released my pain now let me take it

Just leave it at the door and we can make it You don't have to hide I am by your side

Everybody else sees in black and white You look at wrong and make it right Can't I open your eyes

When you're down down low...









#### **Poland**



## My Mark:



#### **TVP**

www.tvp.pl

Performer: Monika Kuszynska

Song: In The Name Of Love

Composer: Kuba Raczyński
Writer: Monika Kuszyńska

Twitter:

#### Biography:

Monika Kuszyńska is a Polish singer and songwriter. She started her music career as a soloist of the Polish band Varius Manx in 2001. Together they released four albums.

After a tragic car accident in 2006, Monika remained partially paralysed and to this day she moves in a wheelchair. She couldn't continue her career as singer, but didn't give up her dream to perform on stage again. She didn't submit to despair and helpless passivity.

After a number of years focused only on intensive rehabilitation, she returned to active life but above all she has returned to her passion - singing! Her first album, with a meaningful title, Ocalona (Saved) was revealed in 2012. Since that time, the artist remains active, trying to combine art with social activities.

In February 2013, Monika was awarded by the President of the Republic of Poland, Bronislaw Komorowski, The Golden Cross Of Merit for artistic activities and charity efforts for promotion of sports for people with disabilities.

Monika's song In The Name Of Love Monika she will perform on stage in Vienna "is about tolerance, hope and love."

#### Lyrics:

Every time you're brokenhearted Sinking in the sorrow Feel the emptiness and have no faith No strength to breathe

I wanna tell you It's gonna be better You've got the greatness within you

Beyond the fear Let's build the bridge From heart to heart In the name of love

Every time you struggle with the fear about tomorrow
Call the angels for their guidance
Find the other way

I wanna tell you It's gonna be better You've got the greatness within you Beyond the fear Let's build the bridge From heart to heart In the name of love

Beyond the fear Let's build the bridge From heart to heart In the name of love (x4)







# Final

## May 23<sup>th</sup>, 2015

	Australia	Guy Sebastian
	Austria	The Makemakes
	France	Lisa Angell
	Germany	Ann Sophie
	Italy	Il Volo
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	United Kingdom	Electro Velvet

Tonight Again
I Am Yours
N'oubliez Pas
Black Smoke
Grande Amore
Amanecer
Still In Love With You

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#### Australia



## My Mark:



### SBS

www.sbs.com.au

**Performer:** Guy Sebastian **Song:** Tonight Again

Composers: Guy Sebastian, David Ryan Harris,

Louis Schoorl

Writer: Guy Sebastian, David Ryan Harris,

Louis Schoorl

Twitter: @GuySebastian

#### Biography:

Guy Sebastian is one of Australia's most popular performers, and on the 23rd of May he will become the first Australian artist to compete at the Eurovision Song Contest.

Guy was born in Malaysia and moved with his family to Australia at the age of 6. His interest in music started at a young age, taping his favourite songs from the age of four, and starting to sing at 14.

Guy Sebastian is the only male artist to have ever achieved six number one singles and two number one albums in Australian chart history. Over the course of his career, Guy has released 11 top ten singles and three additional top 15 singles. With 43 platinum and 3 gold certifications, combined with album sales of over 3 million in Australia, Guy represents one of Australia's biggest success stories.

Aside from his music, Guy is involved with many charities including the Royal Children's Hospital, Sydney and The Royal Melbourne hospital. He is also an official ambassador for The Red Cross and World Vision.

#### Lyrics:

I don't want tomorrow
Oh baby tonight's so good
Tonight's so good
This is one tough act to follow
Oh baby tonight's so good
Forget tomorrow
We can do tonight again

Oh Everyone's got their problems There's always something on your mind Oh but tonight we aint gotta solve them For now let's leave them all behind

Do whatchya whatchya whatchya want Do whatchya whatchya whatchya want Do whatchya whatchya whatchya want Oh get on it Ooh get on it

Oh! Some people might call ya crazy They say we only live for fun Ooh They may be right but only maybe But I can guarantee what we got is what they want







#### **Austria**



## My Mark:



#### **ORF**

www.orf.at

**Performer:** The Makemakes

Song: I Am Yours

**Composers:** Jimmy Harry and The Makemakes **Writer:** Jimmy Harry and The Makemakes

Twitter: @TheMakemakes

#### Biography:

The Makemakes, founded in 2012, is a rock music band from Flachgau and from the district of Vöcklabruck. The name is derived from the dwarf planet Makemake, which in turn owes its name to the creating deity Makemake in the culture of the Easter island.

Already one month after they were founded, their first single The Lovercall showed up in the domestic charts. The band consists of Dodo (Dominic) Muhrer (vocals), Max (Markus) Christ (bass) and Flo (Florian) X. Meindl (drums).

The band became known in 2013 through its appearance as opening band for Bon Jovi in Vienna Krieau. And the single Million Euro Smile successfully made it to the charts in 2014.

#### Lyrics:

Anytime that you're thinking of me That you might want me I'll come on over Don't you know Anytime, anyplace I am yours

You're a lesson that I love learning So any time that you've got a yearning Don't you know Anytime, anyplace I am yours

You're what I belong to
The one thing that feels true
Everything I could ever want
If you ever need me
I'm waiting on you
To walk right through that door
Anytime, anyplace I am yours

If you're hoping for second chances of Stolen kisses I got the answer Don't you know Anytime, anyplace I am yours You're what I belong to
The one thing that feels true
Everything I could ever want
If you ever need me
I'm waiting on you
To walk right through that door
Anytime, anyplace I am yours

#### Uhhh

You're what I belong to
The one thing that feels true
Everything I could ever want
If you ever need me
I'm waiting on you
To walk right through that door
Anytime, anyplace I am yours

Anytime, anyplace I am yours







### **France**



## My Mark:



#### France 2

www.france2.fr

Performer: Lisa Angell
Song: N'oubliez Pas

Composers: Michel Illouz / M. Albert
Writer: Laure Izon / M. Albert

Twitter: @LisaAngell

#### Biography:

Lisa Angell grew up with a dream of becoming a singer. One day, the young singer took a decision to live from music, performing in piano bars across the French Riviera. Afterwards she recorded her single Des Années Après written by Didier Barbelivien (2001). In 2009 invited by the magician Dani Lary on his show, Lisa met Patrick Sébastien, a very popular showman who produced and wrote songs for her first album Les Divines (2011).

Lisa's second album Des Mots... (2013) was introduced by the single Je Saurai T'aimer, a cover of the song by Melanie Cohl which itself is the French adaptation of The Power Of Love by Celine Dion. In the same year, Lisa joined the recurring singers of the show Les Chansons D'abord, hosted by Natasha St-Pier on France 3.

Before paying tribute to the songstresses from the 30s, 40s and 50s with her third album Frou-Frou (2014), Lisa and Tony Carreira duetted the song L'oiseau Et L'enfant for his album.

#### Lyrics:

Il ne me reste que des larmes Ces quelques notes venues d'autrefois Et le chant de nos prières Nos cœurs qui espèrent Et le vide sous mes pas

Il ne me reste que les cendres De mon village plongé dans le silence Je ne suis qu'une blessure Un cœur sans armure Comment survivre après ça.

Mais je suis là, je n'oublie pas Dans mon village balayé par l'histoire Et je vis là, n'oubliez pas Effacé des cartes et des mémoires

Je me souviens du rire des enfants La voix des hommes quand ils partaient au champ Les fêtes des moissons L'odeur dans les maisons Les éclats d'amour et de joie

Mais je suis là, n'oubliez pas Effacé des cartes et des mémoires Quand ils sont arrivés Cachés derrière leurs armes Ils étaient des milliers Ils riaient de nos larmes

Ils ont voulu détruire Nos croyances et nos âmes Avec des mots de haine Que l'on n'connaissait pas.

Je suis ici ce soir Au milieu de ces ruines Pour vous parler d'espoir Et vous chanter la vie Et je fais le serment Quand séchera le sang De reconstruire ma ville Bien plus belle qu'avant.

Mais n'oubliez pas.







## Germany



## My Mark:



#### **NDR**

www.ndr.de

Performer: Ann Sophie
Song: Black Smoke

Composers: Michael Harwood, Ella McMahon,

Tonino Speciale

Writer: Michael Harwood, Ella McMahon,

Tonino Speciale

Twitter: @AnnSophie

#### Biography:

The stage is her life. This fact was proven by Ann Sophie in the German national final and is noticeable in every second that the 24-year-old singer spends performing. Born in London, raised in Hamburg, she has tried all artistic directions.

As a child, Ann Sophie developed a deep passion for singing, inspired by her idols Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. After finishing school, she moved to New York. By day, she studied at the prestigious Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute; by night, she enchanted audiences as a singer at various trendy live clubs. Full of ambition after returning to Hamburg in 2013, Ann Sophie completed a self-produced demo album and was soon discovered for the ESC.

In her song Black Smoke, Ann Sophie shows that she understands her craft.

#### Lyrics:

When you look at me, you know you're hard to read. Because the face I see is not the one I know And when you call me baby, what's that supposed to mean I don't know who you are, how long can we pretend

See the change I know we both don't have the heart to say Can't return to what we were, it will never be the same

Cause you said you'd never let me go And I said I can't but now we know that it's Too hard to say three words Too hard to make it work When there's nothing left to talk about Cause you know the flame is running out Two hearts are left to burn Do you know, we're only left with smoke

Black smoke, we're only left with smoke, black smoke

I tried to tell myself, that it's all in my head But the truth remains we're just too far apart. You know were fooling ourselves if we hold on, Cause were fighting for something that we don't want Just leave it now and walk away

See the change I know we both don't have the heart to say Can't return to what we were, it will never be the same

Cause you said you'd never let me go
And I said I can't but now we know that its
Too hard to say three words
Too hard to make it work
When there's nothing left to talk about
Cause you know the flame is running out
Two hearts are left to burn
Do you know, we're only left with smoke

Too hard to say three words Black smoke Too hard to make it work We're only left with smoke Too hard to say three words Black smoke Too hard to make it work

Cause you said you'd never let me go no Yeah you said you'd never let me go

Cause you said you'd never let me go
And I said I can't but now we know that it's
Too hard to say three words
Too hard to make it work
When there's nothing left to talk about
Cause you know the flame is running out
Two hearts are left to burn
Do you know, we're only left with smoke

Black smoke We're only left with smoke







## Italy



## My Mark:



#### RAI

www.rai.it

Performer: || Volo

**Song:** Grande Amore

**Composers:** Ciro Esposito / Francesco Boccia **Writer:** Ciro Esposito / Francesco Boccia

Twitter: @ilvolo

#### Biography:

Piero Barone, Ignazio Boschetto and Gianluca Ginoble were spotted in 2009 on the RAI TV show, Ti Lascio Una Canzone, but it was thanks to the intuition of Michele Torpedine (the manager who built the careers of Andrea Bocelli and Zucchero) that they became a trio, Il Volo.

Before they even spread their wings with a debut album, Il Volo set a remarkable series of records. They were the first Italians ever to sign a contract with Geffen/Interscope and the only Italian artists that Quincy Jones invited to sing on We are the World for Haiti.

With 1 million albums sold with their debut album, 2 Latin Grammys nominations and a Latin Billboard awards won as Best Act, collaborations with artists like Eros Ramazzotti, Placido Domingo and Barbra Streisand, sold-out worldwide tours and the recent victory of Sanremo Festival they are now artists considered not so much Italians successful abroad, but international artists who happen to have been born in Italy.

#### Lyrics:

Chiudo gli occhi e penso a lei Il profumo dolce della pelle sua E' una voce dentro che mi sta portando dove nasce il sole

Sole sono le parole Ma se vanno scritte tutto può cambiare Senza più timore te lo voglio urlare questo grande amore Amore, solo amore è quello che sento Dimmi perché quando penso, penso solo a te Dimmi perché quando vedo, vedo solo te Dimmi perché quando credo, credo solo in te grande amore

Dimmi che mai Che non mi lascerai mai Dimmi chi sei Respiro dei giorni miei d'amore Dimmi che sai Che solo me sceglierai Ora lo sai Tu sei il mio unico grande amore

Dimmi perché quando penso, penso solo a te Dimmi perché quando amo, amo solo te Dimmi perché quando vivo, vivo solo in te grande amore Dimmi che mai Che non mi lascerai mai. Dimmi chi sei Respiro dei giorni miei d'amore Dimmi che sai Che non mi sbaglierei mai Dimmi che sei Che sei il mio unico grande amore









## **Spain**



## My Mark:



#### **RTVE**

www.rtve.es

Performer: Edurne
Song: Amanecer

Composers: Tony Sánchez-Ohlsson, Peter

Boström & Thomas G:son Tony Sánchez-Ohlsson, Peter Boström & Thomas G:son

Twitter: @Edurnity

#### Biography:

Edurne was born in Madrid and began singing at the age of nine. After taking part in the talent TV-show Operación Triunfo in 2005, she has recorded five studio albums with Sony Music: Edurne (2006), Ilusión (2007), Premiére (2008), Nueva piel (2010) and Clímax (2013). Edurne has toured with every album while also collaborating with many artists.

Writer:

Edurne has also worked as an actress in successful drama series and starred for seven years as Sandy in the Spanish production of Grease. She was also the winner of the impersonating music show Your Face Sounds Familiar and recently co-hosted a daily TV-show.

The song refers to the daybreak, the emotional instant before the dawn. It tells the painful story of a lost love and the quest to retrieve joy and see the sunrise again: Amanecer.

It has an epic-style music production, with the electronic pop sounds of a unique team of European songwriters, plus the organic instrumental sensitivity of the RTVE Symphonic Orchestra.

#### Lyrics:

Se fue sin saber Que yo sí lo amé Se fue sin creer en mí

Perdí la razón Sangré tanto amor Que aún, hoy siento el vacío Me lleva contigo EEEieEEO EEEieEEO Mi corazón Me susurró A mí no vuelvas sin su amor

Camino al ayer Allá donde esté Hoy reto al olvido

Se fue sin saber Que yo no me rindo EEEieEEO EEEieEEO Mi corazón Me susurró A mí no vuelvas sin su amor

EEEieEEO EEEieEEO Devuélveme El alma en pie Devuélveme el amanecer

Hoy vuelves conmigo.







## **United Kingdom**



## My Mark:

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Performer: Electro Velvet

Song: Still In Love With You

Composers: David Mindel & Adrian Bax White Writer: David Mindel & Adrian Bax White

Twitter: @ElectroVelvet

#### Biography:

Alex Larke from Hertfordshire shares his time between teaching in a primary school and performing as Mick Jagger in one of the biggest Rolling Stones tribute acts in the world called 'The Rolling Clones' touring the UK and internationally.

Bianca Nicholas from Kent has performed for Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge. Bianca's debut single Hold On To Your Dreams was a top 100 single and number 1 on the iTunes Vocal Chart. She also appeared on The Voice UK and her blind audition has now amassed over 250,000 views on YouTube.

#### Lyrics:

Well, don't get on the wrong train Don't fly in an old plane Don't go out in the pouring rain You might get wet I'd be upset

You're bound to get sneezes Or nasty diseases Take good care when I'm not there I'm still in love with you

While I'm on vacation You be a good patient Take your medication I worry so each time I go

Try to keep warm, dear In case there's a storm, dear Take good care while I'm not there I'm still in love with you

Some younger guys with roving eyes may tantalise you with their lies You must be wise and realise, leave well alone till you get

home, dear

Won't see other fellas, don't wanna make you jealous No need to fear when you're not here, I'm still in love with you

Let's dance, dance Dance

Don't walk on the red light Don't stay out at midnight Don't get in a fist fight, that pretty face can't be replaced...

Won't be out at night, hon It wouldn't be right hon No need to fear when you're not here, I'm still in love with you (Oh yes)

Everybody dance Everybody dance

Everybody dance Everybody dance

Skiddy-beep-bop-doo... Dee-dee-dee

Sounding good, sugar

Skiddy-beep-bop-doo... Dee-dee-dee

You take care now, honey

Don't make a fuss, you need to trust me This is how it always must be When I stop to think of us, I can assure you, I adore you

Because you're so gorgeous You need to be cautious Take good care when I'm not there, I'm still in love with you

You have a fun time, And soak up that sunshine But don't drink too much wine, Just one or two will have to do

I know what you're thinking So I won't be drinking No need to fear when you're not here, I'm still in love with you

I'm still in love with you

I'm still in love with you





## My Mark

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